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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

Copies of bills are typically sent to County Clerks and Recorders and can also be found at:

[http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w$.startup)

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Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, February 26

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 33 Revise 9-1-1 emergency phone system laws	Room 102	5:00 p.m.
HB 39 Ownership update for water rights	Room 102	5:00 p.m.
HB 49 Require study of local government special purpose districts	Room 102	5:00 p.m.
HB 60 Access to civil justice act, self-help law program	Room 102	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

HB 61 Increase fire assessment rate	Room 102	5:00 p.m.
HB 80 Revise laws governing interim committees and activities	Room 102	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

HB 148 Pool inspection fee	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 304 Create interim water policy committee	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 413 License plate fee waiver for national guard	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 736 Fund state shelter care facilities	Room 102	Upon ADJ

Thursday, March 1

No hearings as of today, but please go to [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0240w\\$cmte.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0240w$cmte.startup) for continual additions/updates.

Friday, March 2

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Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

“General bills” is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Feb 17: Last Day for Committee to Request General Bills
 Feb 28: Transmittal of General Bills to Other Chamber
 March 1-4: Transmittal Break
 March 21: Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
 March 23: Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
 March 29: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
 April 3: Transmittal of Revenue Bills
 April 5: Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
 April 6-8: Break
 April 10: Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
 April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
 April 18: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
 April 21: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
 April 27: Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Bill Passed as Amended	2/17
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	Tabled in Committee	1/26
→ →				(H) Agriculture	
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	(H) Hearing	2/26
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Hearing	1/15
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	(H) Hearing	1/29
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	Tabled in Committee	2/21
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/23
→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/19
→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	Referred to Committee	2/16
→ →				(S) Finance and Claims	
HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	Tabled in Committee	2/07
→ →				(H) Local Government	
HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	Tabled in Committee	2/09
→ →				(H) Business and Labor	
HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(H) Bill Passed as Amended	2/21
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	Referred to Committee	2/07
→ →				(S) Local Government	
HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	Referred to Committee	2/10
→ →				(S) Highways and Transportation	
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Hearing	2/13

HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	Tabled in Committee	2/21
→ →				(H) Local Government	
HB 561	Revise county bonding authority	2006-26	John L. Musgrove	Tabled in Committee	2/21
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	Tabled in Committee	2/16
→ →				(H) Local Government	
HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	(H) Bill Passed as Amended	2/22
HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Hearing	2/23
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	1/10
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	1/10
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	Transmitted to House	1/26
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Transmitted to House	2/22
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Transmitted to House	2/12
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	Transmitted to House	2/17
SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Hearing Canceled	2/13
SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	(S) Bill Passed as Amended	2/22
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09

County Administration

HB 662	Revise sanitation in subdivisions law
HB 489	Revise planning and zoning to accommodate solar energy and devices
HB 510	Revise assessment costs for improvement districts
HB 535	County regulation of fireworks
HB 684	Revise impact fee laws
HB 776	Clarify law enforcement access on private roads
SB 503	Extend county zoning protest period
SB 527	Revise condominium exemption for subdivision review
SJ 26	Interim study of zoning and land use planning

Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HB 656	Fund community grants for restorative justice and alternatives to incarceration
HB 674	Establish qualified immunity defense
HB 710	Prohibit work release for second or subsequent DUI
HB 718	Create restricted mail registry
HB 722	Require justice courts to be courts of record
HB 723	Revise statutes governing county drinking and driving prevention programs
HB 781	Revise racial profiling law -- data gathering
HB 795	Revise special improvement districts for fire protection
HJ 43	Study aspects of judicial branch of state government
SB 357	Beneficiary deed of trust
SB 476	Making unauthorized practice of law a crime
SB 477	Eliminate urban renewal as public use for eminent domain
SB 523	Revise court of record
SB 545	Revise definition of regional correctional facilities
SB 548	Report of canvass is election record for certified rosters of legislators
SJ 10	Study uninsured motorist solutions
SJ 24	Study prison population growth and alternative sentencing

Education

HB 672	Revise school bond laws
HB 701	Generally revise school funding
HB 744	Revise school district creation laws
HJ 39	Study economic development
SB 458	Revise requirements of county superintendent of schools
SB 462	Statewide health insurance plan for school personnel
SB 506	Revise school laws
SB 508	Allow public school consideration in impact fees
SB 528	Create education trust fund

Employment

HB 647	Provide workplace conflict resolution as job benefit
HB 704	Revise prevailing wage laws
HB 738	Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates
HB 741	Nondiscrimination in payment for equivalent health services
HB 766	Revise insure Montana law regarding employer size & association health plans
SB 490	Expand employee drug testing
SB 511	Regulate work comp claims examiners

Health and Human Services

HB 617	Revise filing requirements for delinquent child support
HB 621	Revise health insurance mandates
HB 638	State funding for family planning
HB 639	Create volunteer EMT retirement system
HB 649	Revise child abuse reporting laws
HB 658	Fund training and equipment for child molestation cases
HB 669	Clarify penalties for misrepresenting self as registered nurse
HB 727	Revise eligibility requirements for certain benefits
HB 734	Critical funding for community mental health
HJ 37	Study health effects of coal plants
HJ 44	Revise CHIP laws
SB 265	Revising premium provisions of the comprehensive health association plan
SJ 15	Study impacts of certain services on health care delivery
SJ 19	Develop health information technology

Land Use and Economic Development

HB 482	Disclosure of insurance underwriting information
HB 730	Require plumbing inspection for new homes

Natural Resources; Environment

HB 628	Revising eligibility requirements for certain underground storage tanks
HB 642	Define county road bridge easement/provide use for stream access w/conditions
HB 708	Define perennial stream for streambed preservation purposes
HB 721	Revise law on sportsman landowner relations/recreational use of streams
HB 728	Expedite application review for permits
HB 798	Revise energy impact funding for natural resource development and cessation
HJ 36	Urge PILT payment and mineral royalty separation
SB 446	Revise water law re: industrial waste discharge

Roads

HB 627 Pave road to Dawson county correctional facility

State Administration

HB 368 Fund televising legislative proceedings
HB 620 Annual legislative sessions
HB 632 Mandatory random audit of elections
HB 663 County courthouse restoration act
HB 670 Retirement systems reports on actuarial costs and other items
HB 673 Revise criteria for licensure of nonresident child of resident
HB 679 Revise leave law for newly hired public employees
HB 686 Constitutional amendment to require election be by majority vote
HB 693 Electronic records, documents, and communication preservation
HB 694 Revise fees for public documents and require timely response to requests
HB 736 Fund state shelter care facilities
HB 739 Review of certain municipal electric utility facility acquisitions
HB 740 State purchase of military headstones
HB 749 Government storage, display of social security numbers
HB 752 Create ethics commission
HB 758 Revise laws related to electrical energy
HB 765 Revise retirement laws
HB 767 Proof of citizenship for certain governmental programs or functions
HB 771 Revise actuarial valuations and reporting for retirement systems
HB 773 Require state to pay for certain veterans funerals
HB 774 Revise raffle laws
HB 777 Revise ballot issue laws
HB 783 Revise election laws
HB 792 Index postretirement GABA for future PERS and TRS members
HB 797 Provide for an early presidential primary
HJ 40 Urge Congress to prioritize regional water projects
SB 443 Revise mailing requirement for address confirmation forms for absentee ballots
SB 489 Constitutional amendment, allow investment of public funds in corporate stock
SB 517 Revise time certain polling places are open
SB 534 Redirect state trust land assets
SB 543 Revise fiscal note laws
SJ 11 Study treasure state endowment program

Taxes, Fees, Revenues

HB 675 Property surtax on certain residences for emergency services
HB 678 Revise school funding and tax laws
HB 685 Local option tax
HB 688 Provide an allocation of coal severance taxes to DEQ for certain mines programs
HB 759 Revise fee system funding search & rescue/search & rescue advisory council
HB 778 Clarify government exemption from oil and gas production taxes
HB 787 Revise property tax protest law
SB 430 Allow out-of-state revenue collections
SB 464 Property tax relief - local option realty transfer tax
SB 483 Reduce scope of tax increment financing to just urban renewal
SB 487 Require tax information agents report certain real estate transactions
SB 492 Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal
SB 496 Constitutional amendment to allow acquisition value for property taxation
SB 525 Clarify duties of state treasurer regarding deposit of tax and fees
SB 539 Revise property tax appeal and create property tax protest reserve fund

Transportation

HB 556	Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions
HB 661	Revise transportation laws
HB 737	Revise motor vehicle law
SB 493	Oil and gas revenue to fund 4 lanes for highway 2
SB 520	Revise registration of fleet vehicles